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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 21-45 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 46-55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1-4,7,9,11,13,46-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over of Kim et al (US 2002/0085143) in view Okazaki et al (US 5298768)

Kim et al discloses (Fig. 2) the use of a light emitting layer (204) a metal film (203) formed over the concave portion, a insulating film (202) a semiconductor device (208) formed on the insulating film (202) a liquid crystal cell (211) electrically connected to the semiconductor device (208) and a second substrate (201b) wherein the semiconductor device (208) and the liquid crystal cell (211) are formed between the first substrate (207) and the second plastic substrate (201b).

Kim et al does not disclose a first substrate, a light emitting device formed in the concave portion of the first substrate (also formed over the first substrate) a resin covering the light emitting device.

Okazaki et al discloses (Fig. 10) a first substrate (16) a light emitting diode (Column 3, lines 17-30) formed in the concave portion (20) of the first substrate (also formed over the first substrate) (16) a resin (Column 3, lines 17-30) covering the light emitting device (1) used as back light for liquid crystal displays. Therefore, Okazaki et al's backlight would replace the light emitting layer (204) of Kim et al, so Okazaki et al's backlight would be positioned under the insulating layer (204) of Kim et al. Thus, an insulating film is formed over the resin.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify Kim et al's display to include Okazaki et al's light emitting device motivated by the desire to improve the light emission efficiency and the quality of the product (Column 2, rows 35-40).

Regarding Claim 46,47,

In addition to Kim et al and Okazaki et al as disclosed above, Okazaki et al discloses (Fig. 10) the spatula flattens the resin so as to fill the depression with the resin to provide a level surface (Column 6, rows 57-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art to modify Kim et al's display to include Okazaki et al's flat surface resin motivated by the desire to provide a level surface.

Regarding Claim 48-51,

In addition to Kim et al and Okazaki et al as disclosed above, Okazaki et al discloses (Column 8, rows 30-34) the resin comprises a transparent particle.

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Regarding Claim 52-55,

In addition to Kim et al and Okazaki et al as disclosed above, Okazaki et al discloses (Column 3, rows 1-10) the light emitting device includes a pair of electrodes. Thus preventing the appearance of the product from deteriorating when the surface mounting of the light emitting element is soldered. (Column 3, rows 32-38). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art to modify Kim et al's display to include Okazaki et al's pair of electrodes motivated by the desire to prevent the appearance of the product from deteriorating when the surface mounting of the light emitting element is soldered (Column 3, rows 32-38).

Claim 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al (US 20020085143) and Okazaki et al (US 5298768) in view of Oguchi et al (US 4648691).

Regarding Claim 5,

Kim et al and Okazaki et al do not disclose the metal film being sand blasted.

Oguchi et al discloses sand blasting the metal film in order to form a rugged surface suitable to be used in a display to provide a higher degree of whiteness. (Col. 8, rows 21-37)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art to modify Kim et al and Okazaki et al's display to include Oguchi et al's sand blasting method of the metal film in order to form a rugged surface suitable to be used in a display to provide a higher degree of whiteness. (Col. 8, rows 21-37)

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable of Kim et al (US 2002/0085143) and Okazaki et al (US 5298768) in view of Yokoyama et al (US 20020041348).

Kim et al and Okazaki et al do not disclose the use of a transparent liquid crystal.

Yokoyama et al in the abstract discloses the use of a transparent liquid crystal cell that controls passage of light emitted from the surface (see abstract).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify Kim et al's display and Okazaki et al to include Yokoyama et al's transparent liquid crystal to control passages of the light emitted from the surface of the display (see abstract).

Claim 8,10,12,14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al (US 2002/0085143) and Okazaki et al (US 5298768) in view of Weindorf et al (US 20020130985).

Kim et al and Okazaki et al do not disclose the use of a flexible printed wiring board.

Weindorf et al discloses (Page 3, [0033]) using a flexible printed wiring board connected to the i-emitting diode that is supplied with current to eliminate the need for daughter boards or other LED's which are more expensive.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify of Kim et al's display and Okazaki et al to include Weindorf's flexible printed wiring board to eliminate the need for daughter boards or other

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interconnecting devices or the more expensive side-lighting LEDs also to provide the display with flexibility (Page 3, [0033]).

Claim 15,17,18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al (US 2002/0085143) and Okazaki et al (US 5298768) in view of Chaudhari et al (US 6331381).

Kim et al and Okazaki et al does not disclose the liquid crystal displays used in a cellular phone, wrist watch, and personal computer.

Chaudhari et al discloses (Column 1, Row 13-16) the use of LCD's in a cellular phone, wrist watch, and personal computers to provide a displaying image in the products.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify of Kim et al and Okazaki et al to include Chaudhari et al's liquid crystal displays in a cellular phone, wrist watch, and personal computers with a display that is light and thin such as an LCD.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al (US 2002/0085143) and Okazaki et al (US 5298768) in view of Kawagoe et al (US 5781263).

Kim et al and Okazaki et al do not disclose the liquid crystal displays used in an electronic book.

Kawagoe et al discloses (Column Row) the use of a LCD in an electronic book.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify of Kim et al and Okazaki et al to include Kawagoe et al's liquid crystal displays in an electronic book to provide it with a display that is light and thin such as an LCD.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al (US 2002/0085143) and Okazaki et al (US 5298768) in view of Washizuka et al (US 4202607).

Kim et al and Okazaki et al do not disclose the liquid crystal displays used in a front glass.

Washizuka et al discloses (Abstract) the use of an LCD in a front glass such as a mirror or window.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify of Kim et al and Okazaki et al to include Washizuka et al's liquid crystal displays in a front glass to provide the front glass with a display that is light and thin such as an LCD.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al (US 2002/0085143) and Okazaki et al (US 5298768) in view of Boutaleb et al (US 4536014).

Kim et al and Okazaki et al do not disclose the liquid crystal displays used in an electronic card.

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Boutaleb et al discloses (Column 4, Row 13-24) the use of a LCD in a credit card.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify of Kim et al and Okazaki et al to include Boutaleb et al's liquid crystal displays in an electronic card to provide the electronic card with a display that is light and thin such as an LCD.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucy P. Chien whose telephone number is 571-272-8579. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571)272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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